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## UCC Board of Directors’ Meeting Summary December 2, 2020

Alameda:	Amy Costa (Alternate), Monica Miller
Contra Costa:	Supervisor Federal Glover, Lara DeLaney
Fresno:	Supervisor Buddy Mendes
Los Angeles:	Brian Stiger
Orange:	Supervisor Lisa Bartlett, Peter DeMarco, Nicole Wordelman
Riverside:	Supervisor Chuck Washington, Guillermo Gonzalez
Sacramento:	Supervisor Sue Frost, Steve Cruz, Audrey Ratajczak
San Bernardino:	Supervisor Curt Hagman, Josh Candelaria, Nicole Wordelman
San Diego:	Supervisor Greg Cox
San Francisco:	
San Joaquin:	Supervisor Tom Patti, Jolena Voorhis
San Mateo:	Connie Juarez-Diroll, Steve Cruz, Audrey Ratajczak
Santa Clara:	Supervisor Susan Ellenberg, Angelica Ramos, Danielle Christian, Michael Rattigan
Ventura:	Supervisor Kelly Long, Sue Hughes

**I. Call to Order**

UCC Chair Supervisor Kelly Long convened the meeting and called the members to order.

**II. Roll Call of Counties**

There were 10 supervisors, 1 alternate and 13 counties represented at this meeting.

**III. Approval of October 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes – Action Item – APPROVED**

A motion was made to approve the October 28<sup>th</sup> minutes and below is the vote count:

Member	County	Yes	No	Absent	Not Voting
Supervisor Long, Chair	Ventura	X			
Supervisor Ellenberg, Vice-Chair	Santa Clara	X			
Supervisor Carson (Alternate)	Alameda	X			
Supervisor Glover	Contra Costa	X			
Supervisor Mendes	Fresno	X			
Supervisor Ridley-Thomas	Los Angeles			X	

Supervisor Bartlett	Orange	X			
Supervisor Washington	Riverside	X			
Supervisor Frost	Sacramento	X			
Supervisor Hagman	San Bernardino	X			
Supervisor Cox	San Diego	X			
Vacant	San Francisco			X	
Supervisor Patti	San Joaquin	X			
Supervisor Groom	San Mateo			X	
<b>Vote Total</b>		<b>11</b>		<b>3</b>	

**IV. Association Matters**

**IV-A: UCC Advocacy Contract --Proposed Contract Extension – ACTION ITEM - APPROVED**

Josh Candelaria with San Bernardino county, who was instrumental in UCC’s RFP process, provided an overview of the Board approved contract with HBE in December 2018 for interim state legislative advocacy and association services. In December 2019 the Board approved HBE and LHGA for a one-year contract, with the option to extend for a two-year period. This contract includes a provision that, at the discretion of the Board, the contract will increase for the second and third year in the amount not exceeding \$25,000 per month (HBE \$15,000 and LHGA \$10,000) if the performance specifications outlined in the contract were met. Josh noted that from a county perspective this new model has been very successful.

An outreach was made to the UCC Board members to provide feedback on the performance of the advocacy team over the past 12 months and the feedback was most positive. Supervisor Long thanked the Board for taking the time to fill the survey out and thanked HBE for their great job performance. Supervisor Ellenberg echoed Supervisor Long’s comment and expressed her delight to continue working with them.

A motion was made to approve the two-year amendment to UCC’s existing contract with HBE and LHGA and below is the vote count:

<b>Member</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Not Voting</b>
Supervisor Long, Chair	Ventura	X			
Supervisor Ellenberg, Vice-Chair	Santa Clara	X			
Supervisor Carson (Alternate)	Alameda	X			
Supervisor Glover	Contra Costa	X			
Supervisor Mendes	Fresno	X			
Supervisor Ridley-Thomas	Los Angeles			X	
Supervisor Bartlett	Orange	X			
Supervisor Washington	Riverside	X			
Supervisor Frost	Sacramento	X			
Supervisor Hagman	San Bernardino	X			
Supervisor Cox	San Diego	X			
Vacant	San Francisco			X	
Supervisor Patti	San Joaquin	X			
Supervisor Groom	San Mateo			X	
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**IV-B: Call for 2021 Vice-Chair Nominations – Informational Item**

Elizabeth Espinosa with HBE provided an overview on the process for nominating UCC’s chair and vice-chair per the UCC By-Laws, noting that the board is to consider and vote for a new vice-chair at

the first meeting of the new year, which will be held on January 13<sup>th</sup>. Supervisor Long announced that nominations were open. At that time Supervisor Bartlett from Orange county nominated Supervisor Mendes from Fresno county. It was noted that if any other board member would like to nominate themselves or another member for vice-chair, to submit their nominations to Grace Ferguson, Association Administer, via email by January 13<sup>th</sup> no later than noon.

#### **IV-C: Proposed January 2021 Meeting Date – Informational Item**

Elizabeth Espinosa with HBE informed the Board after conferring with the Chair and Vice-Chair that the date for the next UCC Board of Directors' Meeting will be held on January 13<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00pm, and any newly appointed board member will be informed of the date once the appointments are made.

A draft meeting model for 2021 was presented to the Board and staff noted that a full meeting schedule for 2021 will be presented at the January meeting.

### **V. UCC Advocacy**

#### **V-A: The Bob Report – Focus on November Elections Results – Informational Item**

Bob Giroux with LHGA provided an update on the 2020 November election results. Some of the highlights were:

- Christy Smith conceded to Mike Garcia – Congressional District 25 (Los Angeles)
- Harley Rouda conceded to Michelle Steel – Congressional District 48 (Orange)
- Holly Mitchell who served as a State Senator from 2013 until she left her office to serve as a Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor (replacing Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas). She was sworn in on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

Bob also provided an overview of Proposition outcomes and noted that Legislative committee assignments were still being worked on. He will provide PowerPoint slides on all the final results in the coming weeks.

#### **V-B: Report on Urban County Input on Blueprint for Safer Economic Tiers – Informational Item**

Jean Hurst with HBE provided a memo on UCC's strategic approach to advancing improvements to the Administrations Blueprint for a Safer Economy. With the Boards direction, UCC's advocacy team convened the urban county executives and other county officials via zoom meetings to discuss specific concerns, potential solutions and strategies. The executives met twice in November and those meetings were well attended.

Some concerns raised by committee members:

- COVID testing resource availability.
- Improve communication between the state and urban counties.
- Concern about maintaining pandemic response-level services without additional funding.

During the Board discussion a recommendation was made for UCC to work collaboratively with CSAC and RCRC Executives and address the Legislature in an assertive way. Counties must use this leverage as much as possible and as soon as possible when the Legislature convenes the 2021-22 Legislative Session.

Frank Kim, CEO for Orange county, shared with the board that urban counties have been doing a good job meeting and sharing information with each other. He noted that there are a number of working groups that are pursuing similar interests, and what he would like to see is these interests and comments turned into action.

Supervisor Long noted that since the beginning of this pandemic, the strategy in Ventura county has been to be a solid sphere and to work with the executive team.

Jean Hurst noted there is a lot of concern on the fiscal cliff come end of this year. Counties are obligated to work on the vaccination roll-out but will need both Human and Fiscal resources and a continued need for Pandemic response. Supervisor Long was on a call with Dr. Ghaly, Secretary of the Health and Human Services Department, and Ana Matosantos, Cabinet Secretary for Governor Newsom to discuss tax relief grants to ensure local businesses are tapping into that funding source. Also discussed was funding towards education to help prevent the spread of COVID. Supervisor Washington from Riverside county also was on a call with Dr. Ghaly and Ana Matosantos and noted they do not yet know how to roll these plans out and have it be effective.

HBE will be working on a 1-page document of talking points regarding the Blue Print for a Safer Economy that UCC, CSAC and RCRC can share and use when talking to Legislative members.

**V-C: Proposed 2021 Advocacy Priorities – Action Item -- APPROVED**

A draft of the Proposed UCC Advocacy Priorities for 2021 was presented to the Board for consideration. The development of these priorities was informed by a brainstorming session with UCC key staff, county legislative managers and lobbying corps. As a reminder, the Board provided previous direction that the association limit its top-line priorities.

Supervisor Cox from San Diego county recommended adding a priority under the State Advocacy section on non-emergency 211 calls, noting that there are still 20 counties that do not have full services and the non-emergency 211 calls could help. The priority would read as follows: “Create and support a statewide 211 call system serving all counties during disasters and for every day connection to health & human services.”

A motion was made to consider and take action on the 2021 UCC Priorities, give direction to staff to continue to refine the priorities, if necessary, and to bring back for the Board’s final consideration at the January board meeting. A motion was made and approved and below is the vote count:

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Supervisor Ellenberg, Vice-Chair	Santa Clara	X			
Supervisor Carson (Alternate)	Alameda	X			
Supervisor Glover	Contra Costa	X			
Supervisor Mendes	Fresno	X			
Supervisor Ridley-Thomas	Los Angeles			X	
Supervisor Bartlett	Orange	X			
Supervisor Washington	Riverside	X			
Supervisor Frost	Sacramento	X			
Supervisor Hagman	San Bernardino	X			
Supervisor Cox	San Diego	X			
Vacant	San Francisco			X	
Supervisor Patti	San Joaquin	X			
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**VI. Supervisor Roundtable and other issues**

Staff has provided this agenda item for Supervisors to discuss current issues of impact and/or importance in their communities.

**Contra Costa** – Monica Nino, former County Administrator for San Joaquin county has succeeded David Twa who retired from Contra Costa county after many years of service.

**Fresno** – After many years of service, Jeannie Figueroa, Assistant County Administrative Officer, has retired.

**Orange** – Keeping their heads above water with COVID-19. The Sheriffs department DNA lab to be shut down in the next week.

**San Diego** – There has been an increase in the number of hospital bed use due to COVID. Their county is taking a strict approach to folks who are not in compliance. Businesses and churches have been issued cease and desist orders for refusal to close and people are not wearing masks. After many years of service as Supervisor of San Diego county, Supervisor Greg Cox is retiring.

**San Joaquin** – There is a lot of concern as these are perilous times. Working with the county's medical director to see what more can be done and shutting businesses down.

**Santa Clara** – The county has submitted a vaccine plan to the State. Working on options for a low interest loan program for small businesses. There is temporary relief on taxation.

**Ventura** – A Diversity, Equity and Inclusivity Officer has been announced, Phin Xaypangna. CSAC's Education committee is trying to do power shutoffs for the next couple of days, noting that 52 out of 58 counties are now in the Purple tier.

**VII. Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**VIII. Topics for Next Meeting**

- a. Chair and Vice Chair Nominations
- b. Governor's 2021-22 Budget Proposal
- c. Proposed 2021 Advocacy Priorities

**IX. Adjournment**

Our next UCC Board of Directors' meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.** via Zoom call.